

News Release

U of M Crookston Students Receive FFA American Degree at National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

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Nine University of Minnesota, Crookston students received the FFA American Degree in Indianapolis, Ind., at the National FFA Convention on Saturday, October 22, 2011. The degree is the highest degree that can be attained by active FFA members. It is based on the member's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program and their leadership experiences. Less than 2% of FFA member nationwide achieve this degree level.

FFA American Degree recipients pictured include: Maria Funk, a junior agricultural education major from Sebek; Whitney Lian a sophomore agricultural education major from Thief River Falls; Haley Koubsky a sophomore double major in animal science and agricultural education from Starbuck/Glenwood; Whitney Jacobson, a sophomore double major in animal science and agricultural education from Thief River Falls; Justin Goodroad, a freshman double major in agricultural education and animal science from Chisago Lakes; Kasey Okke, a sophomore agricultural education major from Hawley; Kaitlyn Tollefsrud a senior equine science and agricultural education double major from Hawley; and Dustin Smith a sophomore triple major in agricultural business, business management, and agronomy from Staples-Motley. Not pictured, but also receiving his degree was Andrew Gorentz, a senior agronomy major from Perham.

Former Minnesota FFA President Jason Troendle was elected national secretary at the same convention. Troendle is originally from St. Charles, Minn., and attends college at Bethel in Roseville, Minn. It has been over twenty years since Minnesota has had a national officer.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 26 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and 36 concentrations, including 10 online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,600 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umn-crookston.edu.

In the photo, front row (l to r): Maria Funk, Whitney Lian, Haley Koubsky, and Whitney Jacobson. Back row: Justin Goodroad, Kasey Okke, Kaitlyn Tollefsrud, and Dustin Smith. Not pictured but also receiving his degree was Andrew Gorentz.

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